

House Resolution No. 3419

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have contributed to a better quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual leadership; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jimmie L. Robinson of Kirksville, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church, a vocational calling that he will draw to a close on June 30, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after eleven years of service; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jimmie Robinson brought to his work at First United Methodist Church a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experiences garnered from earlier employment at Court Street United Methodist Church in Fulton, the United Methodist Churches of Malden and Gideon, and the Bell City-Sadler's Chapel United Methodist Churches; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jimmie Robinson prepared for his diverse religious responsibilities by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in social science from California State University in 1977 and a Master of Divinity degree from Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City in 1979; and

Whereas, a military veteran, the Reverend Jimmie Robinson served in the United States Air Force as part of the Strategic Air Command in Idaho, California, Guam, Thailand, and Okinawa; and

Whereas, the Reverend Jimmie Robinson is a native of Missouri who was born in Ironton, graduated from Leadwood High School, and married his beloved Linda to form a union that was blessed with the love and affection of two sons, the late James and Kevin; and

Whereas, during his eleven-year-long tenure with First United Methodist Church, the Reverend Jimmie Robinson gave 990 sermons, led 355 funerals, performed 86 weddings, played 312 rounds of golf, and was named as a KTVO Heartland Hero for his community-oriented activities; and

Whereas, retirement promises to give the Reverend Jimmie Robinson additional time to concentrate on golfing, bowling, RV camping, listening to country music, and watching NASCAR, basketball, tennis, and the Saint Louis Cardinals:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of the Reverend Jimmie Robinson and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Reverend Jimmie L. Robinson of Kirksville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rebecca Payne McClanahan
District No. 2

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3419, adopted June 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker